**Unit 4: Chinese New Year**

**Assignment details and due dates**

A. Assignments Details:

1. **Essay (100%)**: at least 10 sentences. Need to include:
   * Any information related to Chinese New Year (40%)
   * Section IV “Compare or Contrast” (40%)
   * Neatly written with both Characters and pinyin (20%)
   * Extra credit: up to 10% more (10% = 5 extra sentences)
2. **Project (100%)**: *Make sure you are* *ready to present to the whole class*
   1. Pick one. Anything related to Chinese New Year
      * Craft and Poster:
        + Craft-Chinese New Year Card, Chinese lantern, paper cutting, painting, couplets (for the door), etc.
        + Poster- simple explanation of the craft
      * News letter (1 page; can have ONE partner)
      * iMovie (1 min; can have ONE partner)
      * Other (☺ talk to 张老师)
      * Extra credit: cooking (10% any food/dessert related to Chinese New Year!!)
   2. Content of the project: reflect at least 5 elements of Chinese New Year (write down the # from “Trivia Questions Worksheet” you refered to)

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| # on “Trivia Questions Worksheet” | It represents: |
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| 2) |  |
| 3) |  |
| 4) |  |
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B. Due Dates: (See Angel Calendar also)

1. “Trivia Questions Worksheet”:
   * Work on your own pace; 4 pages
   * Due by the end of class on **1/12** (Thurs.)
2. Unit 4 vocabulary sheet:
   * Sentences you make need to be all related to Chinese New Year or holiday. Listen to online sentence examples. Feel free to ask 张老师。
   * Complete and turn in by **1/13** (Fri.)
3. Unit 4 assignments:
   1. Chinese New Year **essay**: Draft is due on **1/18** (Wed.); the final version due on **1/20** (Fri.)
   2. Chinese New Year **project**: Due on 1/18 (Wed.)

C. Rubric for the project:

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| 15 14 13 12 11 | 10 9 8 7 6 | 5 4 3 2 1 |
| * Very creative! So fun ☺!! * Full of color and pictures * Show Chinese characters related to Chinese New Year * Info helps me to know more about Chinese New Year * Reflect info learned from “Chinese New Year Trivia Questions” worksheet | * Informative but not creative * Colorful with some pictures * Show some Chinese characters related to the New Year * Reflect some info learned from “Chinese New Year Trivia Questions” worksheet | * Not so fun or creative * Not much of Chinese characters * Not sure if the project reflect much on Chinese New Year |

*\*\*Other work while finishing all the work done above:*

1. *Penpals: writing to China and ask how they spend their Chinese New Year*
2. *News: any local, national or international news about Chinese New Year*

Chinese New Year Trivia Questions

1. *Make sure you copy and paste the* ***website address*** *you find the answers on each question! (Email this worksheet to your Angel account?!)*
2. *Use your own words to answer the questions*
3. *Turn in your work: either electronically (answers need to be in different color), or on paper, or both. But make sure you have:*
   1. *Website address on each question/section*
   2. *All the questions answered*

Section I: **“Year 2012”**

1. What is the date for Chinese New Year this year (2012)?
2. Which Zodiac animal represents the year of 2012 (out of 12 Zodiac animals)?
3. Write down this Zodiac animal in Chinese character and pinyin.

Character: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pinyin: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. How many days does Chinese New Year last?
2. How do you say “Chinese New Year” in Chinese?

Characters: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pinyin: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What is the other name for “Chinese New Year”? Write them down:

Characters: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pinyin: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Why is Chinese New Year on a different day each year?

Section II: **“Story about Nian”**

1. According to the legend, “Nian” was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
2. What does ”Nian” mean?
3. Write down “Nian” in Chinese character.
4. What are the 3 things Nian afraid of?

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1. What did people do to scare Nian away?
2. What does Chinese decorate their front door with during New Year (Hint: the decoration is around the door, on the top and two sides)?
3. How do you say the decoration in Chinese? Write them down:

Characters: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pinyin: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What does “过年gùo nian” mean?

Section III: “**Things Chinese Do”**

1. Name 5 things Chinese do to get ready for Chinese New Year.

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1. Which one is the biggest meal of the year for Chinese? New Year Day or New Year’s Eve.
2. Chinese New Year Eve dishes are full of symbolic meanings. Name 5 dishes commonly served on New Year Eve and their symbolic meanings.

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| **Dishes** | | **Symbolic Meanings** |
| Chinese characters | Pinyins |
| 1) |  |  |
| 2) |  |  |
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| 4) |  |  |
| 5) |  |  |

1. What is the symbolic meaning of setting off firecrackers during New Year?
2. What is Red Packet given out during Chinese New Year? What does it symbolize?
3. How do you say Red Packet in Chinese? Write them down:

Characters: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pinyin: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Who can receive Red Packets?
2. How do people greet each other during Chinese New Year? Write down two different greetings:

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| **Greetings** | | **Meaning** |
| Chinese characters | Pinyins |
| 1) |  |  |
| 2) |  |  |

1. What do “新年恭喜 “ and “恭喜发财” mean?
2. On the last day of Chinese New Year celebration is also a day of family reunion. What is this day called?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Festival

1. How do you say this festival in Chinese? Write them down:

Characters: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Pinyin: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. What special thing do people eat on the last day of Chinese New Year?
2. What is its symbolic meaning?

Section IV: “Compare and Contrast”

1. Is there any holiday in America or holiday that your family celebrates with legends as its origin? (Such as the monster “Nian” in Chinese New Year legend.)
2. Chinese New Year lasted for 15 days. Is there any holiday in America or holiday that your family celebrates that lasts for days? How many days does it last?
3. There are lots of dishes or food that Chinese eat during Chinese New Year has their symbolic meanings, is there any food in your culture that has its symbolic meaning? List at least 2 items

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1. There are lots of things in Chinese culture with symbolic meanings, such as *“A Red packet symbolizes luck and wealth.”* Is there anything in your culture that has symbolic meaning? Name a couple.

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2)

1. What are the similarities and differences between Chinese New Year and Christmas/Hanukah?